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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, MASS, SA, EG
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF SAUDI-FRENCH-EGYPTIAN DEAL
ON AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

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1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE AT CONCLUSION OF KING KHALID'S
VISIT FORMIN PRINCE SAUD RESPONDED TO QUESTION
CONCERNING PURCHASE OF MIRAGE 2000 FOR EGYPT DECLARING
FLATLY THAT "WE HAVE NO NEGOTIATIONS IN THE NAME
OF EGYPT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THESE AIRCRAFT".
HE ALSO DENIED THAT THE QUESTION OF SAUDI FINANCE
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE MIRAGE 4000 WAS DISCUSSED
DURING THE CONVERSATIONS WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS.

2. SAUD DID SAY THAT LONG-STANDING FRENCH-SAUD
COOPERATION IN DEFENSE MATTERS WOULD CONTINUE.
AT AN ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE HE HAD SAID THAT
THERE WAS NO NEED TO DISCUSS SAUDI PURCHASE OF
FRENCH AIRCRAFT BECAUSE THE PURCHASE OF THE F-15
FROM THE U.S. HAD SATISFIED SAUDI AIR DEFENSE NEEDS.
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3. WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT THIS AFTERNOON WITH QUAI
DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS
(SERVANT) TO GET READOUT ON KHALID VISIT. WE WILL
ATTEMPT TO ILLICIT FURTHER INFORMATION IN THIS
REGARD BUT EXPECT TO RUN UP AGAINST TRADITIONAL
FRENCH RETICENCE TO DISCUSS ARMS SALES ARRANGEMENTS.

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